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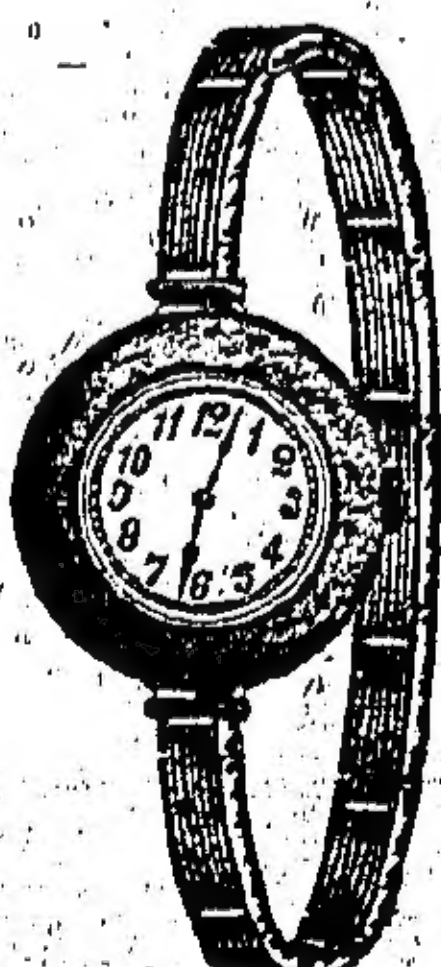
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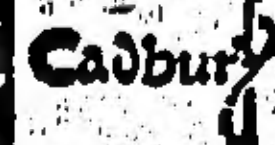
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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN BATTERIES SILENCED.

Paris, Dec. 18.

A communique states:—The cannonade has been much more severe along the whole front. The Anglo-French artillery, acting in concert, successfully bombarded the enemy trenches in Belgium. Several German batteries in Champagne were also silenced.

Two aeroplanes dropped twenty heavy bombs on the Metz and Sablon stations.

INTENSE GENERAL BOMBARDMENT.

Paris, Dec. 18.

A communique reports a general bombardment, especially intense in Artois, where aerial torpedoes were used.

The French blew up an assemblage of German wheeled transport in the neighbourhood of Cambrai.

GERMAN BOMBERS EASILY REFUSED.

London, Dec. 18.

A despatch from Headquarters in France states that last night the enemy made a small bombing attack on our line about the quarries north of Loos, but they were easily repulsed. There has been artillery activity the day long, especially north of Ypres.

SUPERIORITY OF ALLIES.

THE PROBLEM FACING THE ENEMY.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.

The latest German report states that the Germans are concentrating at St. Mihiel. There is growing evidence that not only are the Germans active, but that undoubtedly the enemy must throw new forces, especially artillery, into the West, where the superiority of the Allied guns is wrecking the German trenches, and the moral of the troops.

BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

BETTER RAILWAY FACILITIES FOR ALLIES.

SALONIKA, Dec. 18.

A prominent Greek official has arrived with a view to assuring better railway and telegraphic facilities for the Allies.

ALLIES' SOLID DEFENSIVE IN THE BALKANS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

The Allies in Greece have prepared a solid defensive. The heavy guns of the Germans do not seem to have arrived. This doubtless accounts for the enemy not crossing the frontier.

THE FORTIFICATIONS AT SALONIKA.

GERMAN THREAT.

QUESTION OF ALLIED LIMITS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Athens correspondent of the Times says that the German Minister, replying to Greek objections to the entry of Austro-German troops into Greece, declared that the fortifications which the Allies are constructing at Salonika compel Germany to take action in Greek territory in order to expel the Allies.

M. Skouloudis rejoined that Greece will never allow the Bulgarians to set foot on Greek soil.

The Ministerial organ, *Ephemeris*, asserts that the Government intends to protest against the fortifications of Salonika as exceeding the limits conceded.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

RUSSIANS PREPARING NEW OFFENSIVE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.

The latest German report states that there is reliable news that the Russians are also preparing a new offensive.

KURDS DRIVEN TO MOUNTAINS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.

A communique states:—There are reports of engagements resulting in favour of the Russians northward of Lake Dravitsky, and northward of Dabno. Hundreds of Kurds were engaged on the north-eastern extremity of Lake Van, but were driven to the mountains, leaving sixty dead.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Italian steamer *Port Said*, and the British steamer *Levenpool* have been sunk.

The crew of the latter were rescued.

THE DARDANELLES.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

A communique states that there is no change in the situation at the Dardanelles.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN ENGLAND.

PASSENGERS BURNED TO DEATH.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

There was a terrible railway accident at South Shields, a passenger train, a pilot engine and an empty workmen's train all colliding in a fog. It is reported that several coaches of the passenger train are all right, but in others the passengers were burned to death.

LATER.

There were on the workmen's train a number of women and children in the front portion. The carriage doors jammed, and some of the passengers were pinned by their legs.

Suddenly the gas exploded; the first two carriages burst into flames, and most of the occupants are believed to have met with a awful fate.

The rescuers did their utmost, attracted by the cries of the injured, and medical aid was soon on the scene. It is reported that twelve were killed and many injured.

MRS. ASQUITH SUES THE "GLOBE."

ALLEGED ACCUSATIONS OF WANT OF LOYALTY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Mrs. Asquith wife of the Prime Minister, is suing *The Globe* to restrain the publication of alleged libels.

Her Counsel stated that she had been persecuted by accusations of want of loyalty in her associations with German prisoners at Donington Hall. She had also been described as a traitor, and a disgrace to her sex. These attacks were suspended only on the issue of a writ.

The *Globe's* Counsel said the question was whether the words "wife of a Cabinet Minister" referred to Mrs. Asquith.

The latter's Counsel contended that the words referred to this client, who denied on oath all the imputations. The case was postponed until Tuesday.

THE VICEROY OF INDIA.

RAMOUR DENIED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The rumour that Mr. McKenna will succeed Viscount Hardinge as Viceroy of India is declared to be without foundation.

SITUATION IN PERSIA.

RUSSIANS OCCUPYING HAMADAN.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.

It is reported from Teheran that owing to the advances of the Russians the Government Committee at Kum has fled to Isfahan.

FATE OF BRITISH COLONIES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.

The Russians have occupied Hamadan, and are approaching Kermanshah. The British and Russian Consuls are at Kermanshah. The British Consul at Shiraz is still in captivity, and there is no news of the British Colony at Yazd. The British colony at Sulaimanabad has been released.

SUCCESS OF RUSSIAN WAR LOAN.

NEW FISCAL SCHEME.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.

The Russian War Loan of one thousand millions of rubles is assured of success. The Minister of Finance has drawn up a new fiscal scheme which is expected to produce an annual surplus of 361,000,000 rubles. State monopolies of tea, coffee and matches are contemplated.

AUSTRIA AND AMERICA.

AUSTRIA FAILS TO MEET DEMANDS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.

The Austrian Note in regard to the *Acrona* outrage has been received.

A hurried Cabinet meeting discussed the Austrian Note and dispersed without any announcement.

The position is regarded as being of the gravest.

Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State, has stated that the text of the Note will not be published till it has been thoroughly studied.

At the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting Mr. Lansing admitted that Austria had not yet met any of the American demands. A rupture, however, is not believed to be likely prior to another exchange of Notes.

The frequent visits of the Austrian Charge d'Affaires to the State Department is regarded as indicating that informal negotiations are in progress.

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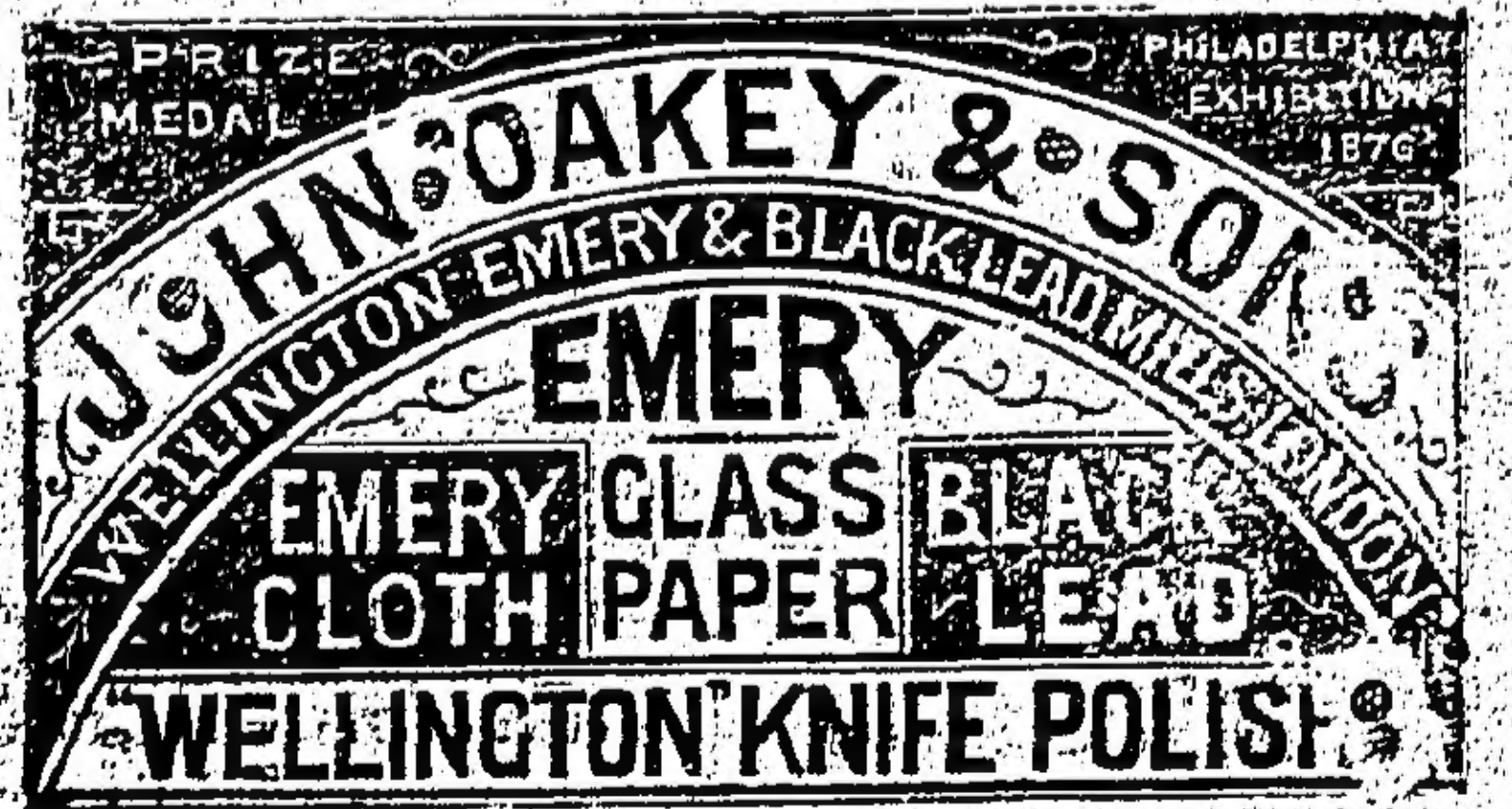
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THE WAR.

TODAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WESTERN FRONT.

VISCOUNT FRENCH'S FAREWELL TO THE ARMY.

"GLORIOUS ENDING NOT FAR DISTANT."

London, Dec. 19. Viscount French, Field Marshal, in his farewell message to the Army in France, says he is firmly convinced that a glorious ending of their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant.

He heartily thanked them all.

The message reads:—"On relinquishing the command of the British Army in France, I wish to express to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men with whom I have been so closely associated these last sixteen months, my heartfelt sorrow at parting from them before the campaign wherein we have been so long engaged together has been brought to a victorious conclusion. I have, however, the firmest conviction that such a glorious ending to your splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant and I shall watch their progress towards the final end with intense interest, but in the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit, the dogged tenacity which knows no defeat and the heroic courage so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of the splendid Army which will ever remain the pride and glory of my life to have commanded for over sixteen months' incessant fighting.

The Regulars and Territorials of the Old Army and of the New Army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree.

At this sad moment of parting, my heart goes out to those who have received life-long injury. I think with sorrow of the great and glorious host of beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifices, laying down their lives for their country.

In saying good-bye to the British Army in France, I ask them, once again, to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion, and my earnest good wishes for a glorious future, which I feel is assured.

THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.

"HEART OF THE COUNTRY ABSOLUTELY RIGHT."

Lord Derby, speaking on Sunday afternoon at a meeting in London, said he was convinced that a statement of the results of the recruiting would show that the heart of the country was absolutely right. Probably the end of the war would come sooner than many expected.

METZ BOMBARDED BY FRENCH AIRMEN.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19. A German communiqué states that hostile airmen bombarded Metz on Saturday night, damaging "aero property."

Paris, Dec. 19. A communiqué states that French aeroplanes bombed Sablon station at Metz.

"EXCELLENT RESULTS."

Paris, Dec. 19. A communiqué says:—"The bombardment of German works and encampments in the Apremont sector, south-eastward of St. Mihiel, continued into the night, and yielded excellent results."

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

London, Dec. 19. The Norwegian steamer Nioel has been sunk. Eleven survivors of the crew, and the pilot, have landed.

TEUTONIC CONSPIRACIES IN AMERICA.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ARREST.

New York, Dec. 19.

A Bank clerk named Schleindl, who has been secretary to Koenig, head of the German secret service in the United States, has been arrested on a charge of the larceny of documents and cablegrams which are alleged to have been handed to the German Government's representatives.

Detectives said Schleindl confessed to obtaining information regarding shipments of munitions from the private records of the Bank at which he was employed.

When he was arrested, a telegram was found in his pocket regarding the shipment of two million rifles to the Allies.

Schleindl admitted that he was a German reservist.

Koenig and Lyndecker have been released on bail of \$10,000 and \$5,000 sterling respectively.

"FORD'S ARK."

A QUARREL IN THE DOVECOTE.

London, Dec. 19.

Ford's "peace ship" has left Killybegs for Christiania.

Christiania, Dec. 19. Ford's "Peace Pilgrims" have arrived. There was no official or other reception; only Pressmen were on board.

Mr. Ford said the British were most gracious to the party at Killybegs, but none of the party were allowed to land there. Mr. Ford had the impression that the British wished for peace, but he thought this also was the case with the other belligerent peoples. He said the basis of peace must be the status quo ante bellum.

Mr. Ford denied that there had been any disagreement aboard, but said some members would leave the Expedition at Christiania, because they were sick.

American journalists about confirmed the story of a quarrel due to some members refusing to sign a protest against President Wilson's policy.

The party on arrival at Christiania proceeded directly to the hotels.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WESTERN FRONT.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Paris, Dec. 18. There has been an intense bombardment of the German trenches in the region between the Somme and the Oise, and between Soissons and Rheims. The enemy's batteries in the latter district were silenced.

LATER. The day has been generally quiet. As it was misty it was unsuitable to the artillery, but this Anglo-French artillery has silenced the hostile guns north of Ypres.

GERMAN CRUISER AND TORPEDO-BOAT SUNK.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19. A Berlin official announcement states that the small cruiser Bremen, and a torpedo-boat, which was accompanying her, have been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic. A considerable portion of the crew were rescued.

[The "Bremen" was a cruiser of 3,200 tons displacement, designed for a speed of 23 knots. She was built in 1904. She was armed with ten 4.1 in. and 10 smaller guns.]

GERMAN HYDROPLANE CAPTURED. Paris, Dec. 19. A Naval communiqué says that a torpedo-boat pursued two hydroplanes which were resting on the water near the Outreil Bank, off Nieuport. One of them escaped, but the other, which was hit, capsized and was captured with two naval men.

BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

MASTERLY RETIREMENT OF THE FRENCH.

London, Dec. 19. Reuter's Correspondent at the Headquarters in the Balkans describes the final phase of the French retreat as masterly.

A new bridgehead was established at Gradetz, where there was severe fighting, and where there was an enormous accumulation of stores. Rolling stock and heavy guns were sent to the rear before the retirement of the troops had begun. The French lost three hundred yards of trench and the advance line wavered, but the men rallied and held their ground further in the rear, while the bridgehead remained intact. When the troops were ordered to retire their Left, which was the most vulnerable, was strengthened, and the retreat to Goryghli was carried out without loss. The evacuation of the hospitals and stores at Goryghli, which has been a base, and also the fog delayed the retirement for 48 hours, but the movements were carried out normally. All the attacks were repulsed.

Altogether the French lost 2,000 killed and wounded in the retirement.

GENERAL SARRAIL'S VIEWS.

Salonika, Dec. 19. General Sarrail is quoted by a correspondent as having said: "Events will find us ready to resist any attacks. Meanwhile the Greek mobilization continues, indicating that the Government is alive to any contingency that may still be dragged into the conflict."

THE FORTIFICATION OF SALONIKA.

GREEK PROTESTS.

Paris, Dec. 19. The organization of the entrenched camp at Salonika continues.

London, Dec. 19. Reuter is informed that Greece has addressed to the Entente a formal protest against the fortification of Salonika.

A LULL.

Paris, Dec. 19. A communiqué states that there is nothing noteworthy to report regarding Macedonia or the Dardanelles.

FRENCH CRUISER DESTROYS GERMAN MUNITIONS FACTORY.

Paris, Dec. 19. A French cruiser bombarded and entirely destroyed a German war material factory at Haifa (on the Syrian coast).

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd, Dec. 19. A communiqué reports a series of minor reconnaissances and artillery engagements on the German front, all being favourable to the Russians.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

SECOND NOTE BEING DRAFTED.

Washington, Dec. 19. President Wilson is drafting a second note to Austria, which is expected, will be despatched in a few days.

It is understood that the Note will ask for an immediate reply and will clearly state the consequences if the reply is unsatisfactory.

RUSSIANS PURSUE THE ENEMY IN PERSIA.

Petrograd, Dec. 19. A communiqué announces that south-west of Hamadan the Russian troops continue to press the enemy closely.

SMUGGLING RUBBER INTO GERMANY.

London, Dec. 19. The Foreign Office announces that of 300 bags of parcel mails seized aboard the Swedish steamer Helligoy, 109 contained nothing but rubber, the estimated weight of which was 8,000 lbs. All these parcels were consigned to a well-known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden.

THE PREMIER'S PLEDGE.

London, Dec. 18. Lord Derby, speaking at Bolton, said that Mr. Asquith will keep his pledge both in the letter and in the spirit, with practically the whole of the country behind him.

PLEA FOR DUTCH EDITOR'S ACQUITTAL. Amsterdam, Dec. 18. The Public Prosecutor has appealed for the acquittal of Dr. Schroeder, the Chief Editor of the Telegraaf, who is charged with endangering neutrality by publishing an article in which it was said that "it was a group of consciousnessless scoundrels in Central Europe who caused the war."

PRESIDENT WILSON WEDS.

Washington, Dec. 19. President Wilson was married to Mrs. Salt yesterday. After the ceremony, which was of the simplest character, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson left for the South, where the honeymoon is to be spent. They will be away for a fortnight.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Dec. 19. Messrs. Montagu and Co.'s report on the Silver Market says the request appearance of the market has been somewhat belied by the sales on account of China. Purchases are still being made for home coinage, but there is a fall, which will probably be short, in the Continental demand. Meanwhile there is insufficient competition to animate the market, even though America is only a small seller.

EFFECT OF THE WAR ON UNIVERSITIES.

London, Dec. 19. The changed conditions at the Universities are attested by the fact that the examiners in Ireland for the Craven Scholarships declined to award them, but Rajaji P. Dutt has been honourably mentioned for his work in the examination.

"AN OUTRAGEOUS BREACH OF PRIVILEGE."

London, Dec. 18. Numerous members of the House of Commons—Unionist, Liberal and Labour alike—expressed resentment that forty Anti-Compulsion Members of the House had waited upon the Prime Minister for the purpose of putting their views before him.

They consider that it was "an outrageous breach of privilege," especially after the Premier had given his word to the married men.

Moderate Liberals affirm that nobody had any right to try to anticipate Mr. Asquith's statement. His pledge was seriously meant and will honourably be carried out.

Single men should resist at once. Conservatives and many Labourites describe the deputation as a big mistake and do not believe that the Government will give in to slackers.

GERMAN CONSPIRACIES IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. Raul Koenig, who is stated to be the Head of the German secret service in the United States, and Richard Lyndecker have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal.

Five hundred horses have been drowned on the North River owing to the sinking of a barge, which was possibly scuttled by German agents.

HELP FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Durban, Dec. 18. A contingent of Indian Ambulance men have left for Europe.

CANADA AND WAR ORDERS.

Effort to establish Canadian credit. Toronto, Dec. 18. Mr. White, the Finance Minister, in the course of a speech, said:—"The greatest financial problem which is facing Canada at the present time is the establishment of some form of Canadian credit, which will relieve Great Britain from the necessity of shipping gold for the payment of war supplies. The question whether Canada can give this assistance to the Empire will have a direct bearing upon the placing of further war orders in Canada." He also declared that Canada should partially finance present and further war orders.

BELGIAN OFFICIAL COMMITS SUICIDE.

London, Dec. 18. Mr. Charles Beatty, Deputy Inspector of Police for Belgium, committed suicide at Cheltenham.

RECRUITING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Men "called up." London, Dec. 18. An important step was taken to-day under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme. Bills were posted, calling out groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 on January 20th. These are the unmarried men from nineteen to twenty-two years of age.

OBITUARY.

EARL DE LA WAR. London, Dec. 18. The death is announced of Earl De la War, from rheumatic fever and pneumonia, at Messina.

MR. ARTHUR STANLEY, M.P. The death is also announced of Mr. Arthur Stanley, the Labour M.P.

SIR JOHN REYS. The death is announced of the Rt. Hon. Sir John Reys, P.C. who has been Professor of Celtic at Oxford University since 1877.

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CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tse Yai Po's Service.)

THE NEW NOBILITY.

Peking, Dec. 20. In connection with the change to the monarchical form of Government five Princes have been created with Li Yuan Heng at their head; ten Dukes, with Dun Chi Kwei at their head, and 24 Marquises, with Tzu Zen as first.

Li Yuan Heng has declined to accept the dignity of Prince.

NEW MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Peking, Dec. 20. A mandate appoints Sun Po Kuo as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

IMPERIAL MANDATES.

Peking, Dec. 19.

Mandates are issued to the following effect:— Civil and Military high officials and learned men who have been fellow-officers of the Emperor need not call themselves son ministers (servants).

Cheung Ming-Ki, Civil Governor at Canton, is urged to resume his post at the expiration of his leave.

Chan Fik is appointed a State Councillor.

A "favourable treatment clause" for Manchus, Mongolians, Mohammedans and Tibetans is promised in the new Constitution.

AN APPOINTMENT TO SHANGHAI.

Peking, Dec. 19. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has deputed Lau Sik Fan to take charge of diplomatic affairs at Shanghai.

DEATH OF AN OLD SHANGHAI RESIDENT.

Another of Shanghai's oldest residents has passed away in the person of Mr. James Nelson Jameson, of the firm of Messrs. Wiener and Co., tea merchants, of 3 Sinking Road. Deceased has been ill for several weeks past and death, which took place in his room in the Astor House Hotel, was not altogether unexpected.

Though not suffering from any organic sickness, Mr. Jameson had been confined to his room for several weeks. Mr. Jameson, it will be remembered, lost his partner and life long friend, Mr. J. F. Seaman, several months ago and since then he has never been the same man. They had been boys and spent many years together and the death of Mr. Seaman was a big blow to Mr. Jameson.

By his passing away Mr. Jameson has left a gap in the community—and especially in the American community—which it will be very difficult to fill. About seventy years of age, deceased had spent most of his life in the Far East, being in his earlier days connected with the firm of Messrs. Oliphant and Co. After terminating his connection with this company, Mr. Jameson returned to the States for a short period and then came back to join Mr. Seaman in Wiener Co. One of the leading Americans in this country, Mr. Jameson was a very prominent member of the American Association, which he has acted as President. He was also connected with many Shanghai companies being a director of the International Cotton Company, and formerly a director of the Astor House Hotel and the North China Insurance Co. Mr. Jameson took an active interest in improving matters pertaining to the welfare of China and was chairman of the Consultative Board of the Whampoa Conservancy. He was unmarried and leaves no relatives in China, but the sympathy of his many friends in the Settlement will go out to his bereaved and anxious wife, who has lost in the homeland.—Shanghai Mercury.

WHAT LORD DERBY MISSED. An interesting fact was recalled in the appointment of Earl Derby as Director of Recruiting.

Two of the men, met in the public eye at the present time, are the King of Greece and the Earl of Derby. In 1847 the then King of Greece (formerly Prince Otto of Bavaria) was forced to abdicate his throne. In 1883 the then Earl of Derby (who was three times Prime Minister of England), the grandfather of the present Earl, was offered and refused, the Crown of Greece.

Had he accepted the offer the present Earl of Derby would to-day have been the King of Greece.

To-day's Advertisements.

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